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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Takashi MURAI, Katsuhiro YAMAZAKI and Haruki TSUTSUI  
ROLLING ELEMENT FOR ROLLING BEARING, METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND ROLLING BEARING  
Assignee: NSK Ltd.  
Our Ref: Q78941



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/093,373 (Confirmation No. 4064) filed March 11, 2002 of Takashi MURAI, Katsuhiro YAMAZAKI and Haruki TSUTSUI entitled ROLLING ELEMENT FOR ROLLING BEARING, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND ROLLING BEARING.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, seventeen (17) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application, a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3726.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/093,373 filed March 11, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. 2001-067958	March 12, 2001
Japan	P. 2001-349596	November 15, 2001
Japan	P.2001-398017	December 27, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/093,373.

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Total claims	<u>3</u> - 20	=	<u>        </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>        </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>        </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>        </u>	\$0.00
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**\$770.00**

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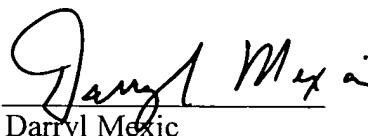
The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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